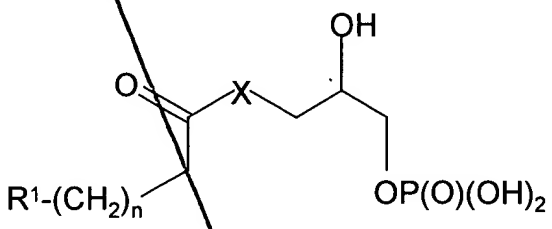
Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 7, 23, and 24 to read as follows:

-- 7. (Amended) A lysophosphatidylic acid derivative selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula (I)



(I)

wherein

R^1 = alkenyl or alkynyl having from 6 to 24 carbon atoms;

n = 0 – 12;

X = oxygen or NH;

the compounds (all-cis-5,8,11, 14)-eicosatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; cis-9, cis-12-octadecadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; (all-cis-9,12,15)-octadecatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; cis-9-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; and erucic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylester being excluded, and the physiologically tolerable salts, esters, optically active forms, and racemates of said compounds, and salts, esters, optically active forms and racemates which can be metabolized *in vivo* to yield the corresponding compound of formula (I). –

-- 23. (Amended) The compound of claim 7 which is selected from the group consisting of cis-13-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; (all-cis-7,10,13,16)-docosatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3phosphonooxypropylester; 22-tricosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 9-tetradecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 13-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10,12-nonacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10,12-octadecadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 9-octadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10-undecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10,12-tricosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10,12-pentacosadiynoic acid-2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; 10,12-heptacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropyl ester; octanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 7-methyloctanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 7,7-dimethyloctanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; nonanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 4-methylnonanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 8-methylnonanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; decanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; undecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10-methylundecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; dodecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 11-methyldodecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; tridecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 12-methyltridecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; tetradecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 13-methyltetradecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; pentadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 14-methylpentadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; hexadecanoic

acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 15-methylhexadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; heptadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 16-methylheptadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; octadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 17-methyloctadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; nonadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 18-methylnonadecanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; eicosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 19-methyleicosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 19-methyleicosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; heneicosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; docosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; tricosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; tetracosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; heptacosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; octacosanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; triacontanoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 6-heptenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans-9-hexadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-11,14,17)-eicosatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-5,8,11,14)-eicosatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-10-heptadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-10-nonadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-3,cis-6-nonadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-10-pentadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-12-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-13-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-7-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-8-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans-9-tetradecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-

phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-9,cis-12-octadecadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans-9-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-9-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; and (all-trans-9,11,13,15)-octadecatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide. –

-- 24. (Amended) The compound of claim 7 which is selected from the group consisting of (all-cis-9,11,13,15)-octadecatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-11-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-13,16,19)-docosatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-13,16,19)-docosatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-9,12,15)-octadecatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3 phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-8,11,14)-eicosatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans-11-octadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans- 13-docosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; trans-9,trans-12-octadecadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-9-tetradecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-9-hexadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10-undecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-11,cis-14-eicosadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-11-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-15-tetracosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 11-dodecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 9-decenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 16-heptadecenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-11,14,17)-

eicosatrienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-13-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; cis-13,cis-13-docosadienoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; (all-cis-7,10,13,16)-docosatetraenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 22-tricosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 9-tetradecynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 13-eicosenoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10,12-nonacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10,12-nonacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10,12-octadecadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 9-octadecynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10-undecynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10,12-tricosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; 10,12-pentacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide; and 10,12-heptacosadiynoic acid 2-hydroxy-3-phosphonooxypropylamide. --

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 21-24 are pending in the subject application. Claims 21 and 22 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 7, 23, and 24 have been amended hereinabove. Accordingly, claims 7, 23 and 24 are under consideration at this time.

In the Office Action, the restriction requirement previously made was deemed proper and made final. Applicants have not petitioned the restriction requirement. Accordingly, the question of law is not whether the restriction requirement is proper. Rather, the question of law is what are the obligations of the Patent Office to examiner